

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jakubowski called the meeting to order.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "Notice of this meeting has been provided in a legal notice published in the Courier Post and the Retrospect; and posted in accordance with Title 10 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, specifying a 5:00 p.m. meeting time; and that formal action may or may not be taken at all Caucus and Commissioners meetings".

Those in attendance: Mayor Jakubowski, Commission Lee, Commissioner Whitman, Solicitor Sal Siciliano, Municipal Clerk Danielle Ingves, Police Chief Tom Tassi, RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works

Mayor Jakubowski led the audience in the Flag Salute.

Commissioner Lee made motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION:

2025-01 An Ordinance of the Board Of Commissioners of The Borough Of Audubon, County Of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article II, Dealers, Division 2, License, Section 6-66, Restrictions on Location, in The Code of the Borough of Audubon

First Reading – January 21, 2025

Second Reading/Public Hearing February 18, 2025

The foregoing motion to open to the public was approved by motion of Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

No public comment. The ordinance was explained by Mayor Jakubowski that this allows liquor licenses on Merchant Street in the future.

The foregoing motion to close to the public was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2025-01 was made by Mayor Jakubowski and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION:

2025-42 Authorizing the Payment of Bills for the Month of February 2025. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-43 Approving a Social Affairs Permit for Audubon Fathers' Association for Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the FJW Recreation and Community Center. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman; seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried. Mayor Jakubowski Abstained.

2025-44 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement by and Between the Borough of Stratford and the Borough of Audubon for the Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-45 Resolution Authorizing Participation in County of Camden Cooperative Purchasing with Omni Recycling Holdings, LLC For Marketing Services of Single-Stream Recyclable Materials. The foregoing motion was approved by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2025-46 A Resolution Providing for Emergency Temporary Appropriations for Current/Grant Funds in the Amount of \$ 90,000.00. The foregoing motion was approved by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded Commissioner Lee. Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

2025-47 Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Scouler as Construction Code Official, Plumbing, Building and Mechanical Sub-Code Official and Inspector for the term of five years, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commission Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

2025-48 Authorizing the Appointment of Mark S. Laggy as Electrical Subcode Official and Inspector for the term of five years, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman; seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2025-49 Authorizing the Appointment of Robert Allen, Fire Sub-Code Official and Inspector the term of five years, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

2025-50 Resolution of Borough of Audubon Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Design and Publicly Bid the Fiscal Year 2025 New Jersey Department Of Transportation Resurfacing of South Davis Avenue & South Logan Avenue. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman; Seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried.

2025-51 Resolution Authorizing the Aubrey Group to file Grant Application with The NJDEP Workclean Diesel Modernization Program for FY 2025 for Product or Service that will Provide Funds to Electrify On-Road Diesel Vehicles. The foregoing motion was approved by Mayor Jakubowski; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

2025-52 Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Make Application and the Mayor to Execute a Camden County Community Development Block Grant Agreement for Program Year 2025. The foregoing motion was approved by Commissioner Whitman; seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor motion carried. Mayor Jakubowski abstained.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER LEE – Nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN – Bills have been paid. There is a chair empty this evening. Dave Taraschi is officially retiring. We thank him for over 46 years of service and he will be missed.

MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI – We started the year with a new grant management company. You can see we are already getting a few applications in. The police are looking at one and we are looking at a few others for shared services. Just that level of activity shows good progress with our new consultant.

OPEN SESSION:

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Lee. All in favor-motion carried.

Sara Barry, 34 N. Lecato Ave, expressed concerns about parking on her street. People putting out cones and not parking far enough away from the curb. Visibility is poor at such a busy corner at N. Lecato and Cuthbert. Also, people are parking in the handicap spot. Police have been notified before and she brought pictures to share with them.

Chief Tassi took the pictures and will address the parking and the handicap spot which may not be needed anymore. RJ Callaway, Assistant Superintendent PW, agreed to paint cross walk lines accordingly to help address the issue as soon as possible.

Amy Herb, 184 Cornell Road, stated this is her third time at this type of meeting regarding the tree in front of her house about having the tree removed.

RJ Callaway stated that he apologizes that his tree guy dropped the ball on this one, but they will get on it immediately. Ms. Herb then stated that she has no other complaints about PW and believes they do a great job. She was not informed about the invasive bug in the tree from D. Taraschi. She was not happy that D. Taraschi showed up with no warning or window of time to move the cars etc. She was extremely unhappy about how D. Taraschi handled this. R. Callaway stated that his tree guy is really good with communication and will work with her for scheduling. Ms. Herb would like to continue this conversation with RJ after the meeting for scheduling etc.. She really doesn't want the tree to go, but she understands she has no choice.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor-motion carried.

2025-53 Resolution to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Lee for matters of contracts; seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion passed. No action will be taken during or after closed session.

Closed session started at 7:20 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Whitman and seconded by Commissioner Lee to come out of closed session. All in favor motion carried at 7:36 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Whitman. All in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



MAYOR JAKUBOWSKI


Absent

COMMISSIONER WHITMAN



COMMISSIONER LEE

ATTEST:



DANIELLE INGVES, MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE:

3/4/2025
